

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as indicated herein.

1. (previously presented) Supporting device for supporting a portable device on a surface , comprising:

a supporting plate on which the portable device is arranged and having a first end that can be placed on said surface ;

a supporting frame having a substantially planar arrangement with (a) a first end that can be placed on said surface, and (b) a second end ~~that is moveably arranged~~ in a sliding guide located at said supporting plate; and

a lever having (a) a first end pivotally mounted at said supporting frame between said first end and said second end of said supporting frame, around a first swivel axis running parallel to said surface, and (b) a second end pivotally mounted on said supporting plate below said sliding guide around a second swivel axis running parallel to said first swivel axis,

wherein said sliding guide has a locking recess along an edge bordering said supporting plate,

wherein said second end of said supporting frame is movable along said sliding guide for engaging said locking recess at one or more distances between said second end of said supporting frame and said second end of said lever so that said supporting plate is supported at one or more angles of elevation, and

wherein, when said first ends of said supporting plate and said supporting frame are placed on a surface with said supporting plate elevated, a substantially triangular cross-section is outlined by said surface, said supporting frame and said supporting plate, said triangular cross section being spanned by said lever from said supporting plate to said supporting frame.

2. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said second end of said supporting frame is pivotally mounted around a third swivel axis that

runs parallel to said first swivel axis and is adjustably arranged perpendicularly to said first swivel axis, along said supporting plate.

3. (previously amended) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said supporting frame can be adjusted to a maximum position in which said supporting frame rests with a first side of said supporting frame on said surface, and wherein said supporting plate, with a supporting area above said sliding guide, rests on a second side of said supporting frame.

4. (previously amended) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said second end of said lever is arranged closer to said second end of said supporting frame than to said first end of said supporting frame.

5. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said supporting frame can be adjusted to a “not in use” position in which said supporting frame rests with a first side of said supporting frame on a side of said supporting plate facing said supporting frame, and wherein said lever runs mostly parallel to said first side of said supporting frame and mostly parallel to said side of said supporting plate, between said supporting plate and said supporting frame.

6. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 5, wherein said supporting frame has a side with a recess into which said lever extends during said “not in use” position.

7. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said supporting plate has a side with a recess into which said supporting frame is arranged during said “not in use” position.

8. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 1,

wherein said sliding guide is a first sliding guide and said lever is a first lever, and
said supporting device further comprises a second sliding guide located at
said supporting plate and a second lever,
wherein said supporting frame is U-shaped with a first extension and a second
extension,
wherein said first lever is pivotally connected to said first extension, and said first
extension is pivotally connected to said first sliding guide, and
wherein said second lever is pivotally connected to said second extension, and said
second extension is pivotally connected to said second sliding guide.

9. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said supporting device is an integral part of said portable device.

10. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said supporting device is a separate component of said portable device.

11. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 10, further comprising quick connectors to secure said supporting device to said portable device.

12. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said supporting device is impact resistant and/or impact absorbing.

13. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said supporting device is made of plastic.

14. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said portable device is for measuring or testing components of electrical circuits or optical networks.

15. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said portable device includes a time domain reflectometer (TDR).

16. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said portable device includes an optical time domain reflectometer (OTDR).

17. (previously presented) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said portable device is for testing a wavelength division multiplexing (WDM).